GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3800
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2002
HARASSMENT OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES
RADHA MOHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Complaint Committee has been constituted by the Government to deal with cases of harassment of women employees in the Indian Missions;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by the Committee since its constitution with names of the Indian Missions from where the complaints have been received;

(c) the nature of the complaints received;

(d) the number of complaints disposed of; and

(e) the action taken against those found guilty in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. Ministry has constituted a `Complaints Committee` to deal with the cases of harassment of women employees in the Ministry and in Indian Missions and Posts abroad.This was done in pursuance of Hon`ble Supreme Court`s decision in the case of Vishaka Vs State of Rajasthan.The Committee is responsible for conducting independent investigations into allegations of sexual harassment received from women employees.

(b) The Committee has not received any complaints since its constitution.

(c,d & e) Do not arise.